

Join Us for the Eighteenth Annual

Conference on Illinois History

October 6-7, 2016

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library
Springfield, Illinois

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Conference Program

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Please complete a registration form for each person.

Please indicate the sessions that you are interested in attending. Your choices are not binding; this is to help us more accurately estimate the space required for each session.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30–10:00

- ☐ Creating and Commemorating Illinois
- ☐ Baseball History
- ☐ Illinois Public Education, Unionism and Civil Rights: The Struggle to Create a Just and Democratic Society

10:15–11:45

- ☐ Civil War Medicine
- ☐ What are We Doing about the Springfield Race Riot Archaeological Site?
- ☐ Eight Minutes in August: The F-5 Plainfield Tornado of 1990

1:45–3:15

- ☐ The Nancy Hanks Lincoln mtDNA Study: Unlocking the Secrets of Abraham Lincoln's Maternal Ancestry
- ☐ Progressive Era Reforms and Reformers
- ☐ Industry, Labor, and Strife

3:30–5:00

- ☐ Current Developments at Historic Nauvoo, Illinois: Re-visioning a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ The African Methodist Episcopal Church in Illinois 1826-2016
- ☐ The Old Joliet Penitentiary: From Prison to Vision

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- ☐ Place and Being: The Institutional Context of Being a Teacher
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- ☐ Great and Small Migrations
- ☐ Contested Memories and Commemorations

Registration	Regular/Student	Total
Thursday & Friday:	\$90/45	_____
Thursday only:	\$50/25	_____
Friday only:	\$50/25	_____
Thursday Lunch*:	\$15	_____ rb / t / h / v
Friday Lunch*:	\$15	_____ rb / t / h / v
Thursday Banquet:	\$50	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

***Please choose your sandwich for each lunch.**

Roast beef / Turkey / Ham / Vegetarian

Registrations for the Luncheons and Banquet must be received by September 28, 2017. Due to limited seating, we cannot guarantee availability of tickets after this date. Students must present their current student ID.

To register by mail, send the completed form and check (payable to Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation or ALPLF) to Shanta Thoele, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701

To register online by credit card, go to www.PresidentLincoln.illinois.gov or call 217-558-8934.

Questions? Contact Sabrina Mancini at 217-558-9014 or sabrina.mancini@illinois.gov

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Visit the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum for just \$7!

Don't miss the chance to tour *Rare and Rarely Seen* in the Museum's Illinois Gallery. This exhibit highlights items that are rarely displayed but have a unique and interesting history. This array of objects brings attention to the depth of the collections of the ALPLM. **Show your conference badge to obtain the discounted price.**

Please bring a sweater or jacket as room temperatures fluctuate.

Thursday

October 6

8 A.M. - 5 P.M. Registration, Exhibitors, & Book Sales

8 A.M. - 9 A.M. Continental Breakfast

Concurrent Sessions

8:30 – 10:00

Creating and Commemorating Illinois

Moderator: David Joens, Illinois State Archives

"American Expansion and the Fluid Frontier: Competing Visions at the Chicago Portage, 1795-1833," John William Nelson, University of Notre Dame

"The Northern Illinois 1816 Indian Boundary Lines: Still Visible 200 Years Later," Margaret M. Kapustiak, YourHistoricalContext.com

"Happy 200th Birthday Illinois! Planning an Illinois Bicentennial Celebration in Your Community," Matthew Toland, International Preservation Studies Center

Baseball History

Moderator: James Cornelius, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

"Fields of Battle: The Problem of Base Ball Playing Space in Post-Civil War Illinois," Robert D. Sampson, Millikin University

"From Religious Commune to Fenway Park: Forrest Cady's Rise to Major League Baseball," Doug Dowell, Heartland Community College and Cheryl Dowell, Bishop Hill Heritage Association

Illinois Public Education, Unionism and Civil Rights: The Struggle to Create a Just and Democratic Society (Workshop)

This workshop will explore the historic ties between public education, labor union and civil rights movements dating back to the abolitionist movement and the Civil War. A bibliography of primary resources, chiefly records of the IEA and IFT, as well as previously published materials about this topic, will be included with the workshop.

Panelists:

Tom Suhrbur, Illinois Labor History Society
Stephanie Seawell, Illinois Labor History Society

10:15 – 11:45

Civil War Medicine

Moderator: Stacy Pratt McDermott, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

"You have been the Soldiers friend or we would not dare appeal to you": The Papers of Illinois Governor Richard Yates as a Window on Civil War Medicine," Glenna R. Schroeder-Lein, Independent Researcher

"Mother Mary Newcomb: Motivations and Outcomes of an Illinois Civil War Nurse's Work," Linda Ruholl, Effingham County Cultural Center and Museum

What are We Doing about the Springfield Race Riot Archaeological Site? (Roundtable Discussion)

The roundtable will extend the conversation into the community of Illinois historians and allow as many Illinoisans as possible to see themselves as stakeholders in the future of this powerful historical place.

Moderator: Devin Hunter, University of Illinois Springfield

Panelists

Shelly Heideman, Faith Coalition for the Common Good
Erika Holst, Edwards Place/Springfield Arts Association
Leroy Jordan, Faith Coalition for the Common Good
T. Ray McJunkins, Union Baptist Church of Springfield

"Eight Minutes in August: The F-5 Plainfield Tornado of 1990" (Documentary Film Screening with the Filmmaker)

Gregory Peerbolte, Joliet Area Historical Museum

On August 28, 1990, an EF-5 Tornado struck the communities of Plainfield, Crest Hill and Joliet, just forty miles south of Chicago. The storm hit with no warning, taking 29 lives. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the tornado, the Joliet Area Historical Museum released the self-produced documentary "Eight Minutes in August: The F-5 Plainfield Tornado of 1990" to accompany a physical exhibit in the museum. The film's executive producer will show the film and give a presentation encouraging other museums and history organizations to share their own stories via the documentary medium.

Any changes to the program will be updated on these websites:
www.PresidentLincoln.Illinois.gov and www.illinois.gov/ihpa/Involved/Pages/Conference.aspx

Luncheon Presentation 12:00 – 1:30

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, First Floor

Heidi Brown-McCreery, *Director of the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency*

Alan Lowe, *Executive Director of the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum*

Samuel Wheeler, Ph.D., *State Historian of Illinois*

“Working Together for History”

New faces, new ideas. The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum have new directors, and Illinois has a new state historian. The Conference on Illinois History offers these officials a chance to introduce themselves, share their visions for the future of Illinois history and discuss how to protect and promote the history of the nation’s twenty-first state.

Concurrent Sessions

1:45 – 3:15

The Nancy Hanks Lincoln mtDNA Study: Unlocking the Secrets of Abraham Lincoln’s Maternal Ancestry (Roundtable Discussion)

The presentation will include a discussion of the history of the controversy over the maternal ancestry of Nancy Hanks Lincoln and the historical evidence for her maternal ancestry.

Panelists:

Gerald Haslam, Brigham Young University

Suzanne Hallstrom, Independent Researcher

Richard Hileman, Independent Researcher

Nancy Royce, Texas Family History Library Center

Stephan Whitlock, Independent Researcher

Progressive-Era Reforms and Reformers

Moderator: Rachel Leibowitz, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

“Where to Eat No Longer a Worry’: Regulation and the Creation of the Modern Chicago Restaurant, 1880-1920,” Alana Toulon, Northwestern University

“Hoosier Holidays: Chicago Tourists, the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and Progressive Era Good Roads,” Brian M. Ingrassia, West Texas A&M University

“Two Midwestern Vagabonds and Progressive Era Reforms: Josiah ‘Cigarette’ Flynt Willard and Vachel Lindsay,” Marsha Silberman, Independent Researcher

Industry, Labor, and Strife

Moderator: Devin Hunter, University of Illinois Springfield

“Chicago’s Poison Banquet: Anarchy, Arsenic and the First Red Scare,” Tara Cajacob, Indian Trails Library District

“Spring Valley’s Holy War: Labor, Religion, Education and Politics in a Northern Illinois Coal Town,” Richard Joyce, Independent Researcher

“The Central Manufacturing District: America’s First Planned Industrial District,” Erica Ruggiero, McGuire Igleski & Associates, Inc.

3:30 – 5:00

Current Developments at Historic Nauvoo, Illinois: Re-visioning a National Historic Landmark

Moderator: Andrew Heckenkamp, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency

“Planning the Remainder of Historic Nauvoo’s First Century,” Steven L. Olsen, Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Archaeological Goals and Management,” Benjamin C. Pykles, and Ryan W. Saltzgiver, Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

“Architectural Planning and Rehabilitation,” Emily Utt, Church History Department, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

The African Methodist Episcopal Church in Illinois 1826-2016 (the first independent Black denomination) (Roundtable Discussion)

A discussion of the mission, vision, purpose and historical context of the AME Church in Illinois.

Panelists

Theresa Faith Cummings, African Methodist Episcopal Church in Illinois

Dianna Penny, University of Iowa

Rev. Gary McCants, AME Church

The Old Joliet Penitentiary: From Prison to Vision (Roundtable Discussion)

Join the panel for a lively discussion that will include perspectives from preservation advocacy, collections, and a regional museum as we explore the reimagining and preservation efforts of this notorious and iconic prison.

Panelists:

Pamela J. Owens, National Trust for Historic Preservation

Dennis H. Cremins, Lewis University

Gregory T. Peerbolte, Joliet Area Historical Museum

Thursday Evening Banquet

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

Museum Parking Garage will remain open until 9 P.M.

6:00 P.M. Cocktails
6:30 P.M. Banquet

Featured Speaker

Mark DePue, Ph.D.

Director of Oral History, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum



“Preserving Illinois History One Story at a Time: The ALPL Oral History Program”

The Oral History Program at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library celebrates its tenth anniversary on September 1, 2016. For the last decade, the state’s colorful history has been preserved in nearly 800 interviews on diverse topics, ranging from agriculture and depression era farming practices to veterans’ stories from WWII to the current War on Terror, as well as hundreds of hours of interviews with the state’s most prominent legislators, governors, and shapers of Illinois history. Since its inception, the program has been under the direction of Dr. Mark DePue, who will discuss the program’s creation and development, his dedicated group of volunteers and interns, and share some of his favorite stories from the program’s first decade.

2017 Conference on Illinois History

Call for Papers and Proposals for Teacher Workshops

Proposals for individual papers or panels on any aspect of Illinois’ history, culture, politics, geography, literature, and archaeology are requested for the Conference on Illinois History. The Conference welcomes submissions from professional and avocational historians, graduate students, and those engaged in the study of Illinois history at libraries, historic sites, museums, and historical societies.

Proposals for teacher workshops. Are you a teacher who has created an innovative, comprehensive, or timely curriculum on some aspect of Illinois’ history, culture, politics, geography, literature, or archaeology? Share your expertise with other teachers at the Conference on Illinois History.

The deadline for proposals is March 15, 2017.

To submit your proposal for a paper, panel, or teacher workshop, send:

1. A summary of the topic
2. A one-page resume of participant(s)
3. Paper summaries should include a description of major primary and secondary sources used.

Send proposals to: Sam Wheeler, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St., Springfield, IL 62701, or samuel.wheeler@illinois.gov. For more information, call 217-557-8336.

Journal of Illinois History Call for Manuscripts

The *Journal of Illinois History* seeks manuscripts on all facets of the history of Illinois and its citizens. Contributions in social, political, economic, and cultural history are welcome, as are related midwestern and Civil War topics, the history of the Northwest Territory, and Illinois biography.

Articles for publication are carefully chosen by the editors, who solicit the comments of at least two referees. Articles are judged on their quality and depth of research, originality, significance of the subject matter, and appropriateness for this *Journal*.

Authors should follow the *Chicago Manual of Style* (15th edition) in the preparation of *Journal* manuscripts. All manuscripts must be typewritten and double-spaced, 20–25 pages in length, with footnotes appearing separately at the end of the text. Authors should submit three copies of each manuscript, and since manuscripts are refereed anonymously, the author’s name should appear only on the title page.

All articles will be edited to conform to *Journal* style, and the editors may make other changes for clarity and word economy. Authors are expected to review typescripts and galleys.

Mail manuscripts to: William B. Tubbs, Editor, *Journal of Illinois History*, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, 1 Old State Capitol Plaza, Springfield, IL 62701-1512. For more information, call Bill Tubbs at 217-785-7953, or email bill.tubbs@illinois.gov.

Friday

October 7

8 A.M. - 3 P.M. Registration, Exhibitors, & Book Sales

8 A.M. - 9 A.M. Continental Breakfast

Concurrent Sessions

8:30 – 10:00

Slavery in a Free State

Moderator: Jeanne Schultz Angel, Nineteenth Century Club

“Ottawa Rescue Case,” Heinz-Dietrich Suppan, Joliet Junior College

“‘As Valuable a Cargo as Ever Entered Any of Her Ports’: William H. Brown, Samuel Lockwood, and a Web of Anti-Slavery Advocates in Early Illinois,” Leah Rogne, Minnesota State University

“Black Lives Matter in Early Illinois: Morris Birkbeck, the 1824 Convention, and the Moral Posterity of the Nation,” Caroline M. Kiesel, DePaul University, School for New Learning

Place and Being: The Institutional Context of Being a Teacher (Roundtable Discussion)

How institutional context helps shape teachers: teaching assignments, committee work and service; professional development opportunities and requirements; promotion and tenure. An open discussion of what it means to be a teacher.

Moderator: Christopher Strangeman, MacMurray College

Panelists

Eric Berg, MacMurray College

Ashley Green, Lincoln Land Community College

Jeannie Zeck, MacMurray College

Immigration and Emigration

Moderator: Brian Mullgardt, Millikin University

“Quiet but Compelling: 17th Century French Catholic Missionaries in the Starved Rock Area,” Mark Walczynski, Starved Rock Historical and Educational Foundation

“Michitaro Ongawa--The First Japanese American Chicagoan,” Takako N. Day, Independent Researcher

“The Effects of Out-Migration on Rural Communities: A Case Study of Pope County, Illinois, 1920-1960,” Rick Allen, Southeast Missouri State University

10:15 – 11:45

Politics and Politicians

Moderator: John Lupton, Illinois Supreme Court Historic Preservation Commission

“The Congressional Career of Phil Crane of Illinois,” Philip A. Grant Jr., Pace University

“Reuben Soderstrom: A Man Who Helped Shape Illinois,” Chris M. Stevens, Reuben Soderstrom Foundation

Madison County, Illinois, Naturalization Records: A Digital Collection of Social and Family History (Roundtable Discussion)

Steve Kerber will begin the presentation by describing the nature of the Madison County Naturalization and the history of their preservation by Lovejoy Library. Lora Smallman will describe the conceptualization and preparation of the digitization grant proposal. Sarah Park will explain the choice of technological tools employed in making the informational content of the documents available online.

Panelists

Lora L. Smallman, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Stephen Kerber, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Sarah G. Park, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Teacher Workshop

“Using Primary Sources to Study Settlement Patterns and Transportation in Early Illinois,” Jon Lyman Parkin, Edwardsville High School and Lewis & Clark Community College

Participants will use articles from the *Edwardsville Spectator*, a newspaper published briefly in the early years of statehood, to examine settlement patterns and modes of transportation during the Panic of 1819. Participants will evaluate how the early colonization of Illinois influenced the subsequent settlement and development of the state. This activity will be followed by a discussion of the experiences of the attendees on what other types of early documents may be used in like activities, in which students perform the tasks of a historian as they grapple to construct their own understanding of the past. The session will end with the participants sharing ideas for similar activities, and how to implement them within a Common Core context.

Luncheon Presentation 12:00 – 1:30

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Mark J. Wagner, Ph.D.

“The Land Between the Rivers: The History and Archaeology of Southernmost Illinois”

Southern Illinois occupies a unique position between the confluence of the two largest rivers in eastern North America, the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. The location made the region a crossroads of people, ideas, and influences throughout prehistory and an area of strategic and national importance until the end of the American Civil War. As an archaeologist and Director of the Center for Archaeological Investigations (CAI) at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Dr. Wagner has investigated many sites associated with the early history of southern Illinois, including Native American rock art sites, shipwrecks, American military camps, and slavery-related sites such as the John Hart Crenshaw House (Old Slave House) in Saline County.

Concurrent Sessions

1:45 – 3:15

Writers, Journalists, and Reformers

Moderator: Anne E. Moseley, Lincoln Heritage Museum

“Remembering the Ladies: Three Pioneering Women in Illinois Media History,” Donna L. Halper, Lesley University

“The Notorious Seth Paine,” Nancy Schumm, Independent Researcher

“The Arts and Crafts Movement on the Prairie: The Royer and Danely Families of Urbana,” Brian Adams, Illinois State Archaeological Survey

Looking to Alternative Sources: Digital Storytelling in Illinois

Moderator: Kelley Clausing, Papers of Abraham Lincoln

“The Governor Thompson Narrative, Oral History Program at ALPLM,” Stephen L. Gifford, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum

“History Harvest, 2016,” Kenneth Owen, University of Illinois Springfield

“Forty Blocks and Other Digital Projects,” Peter T. Alter, Chicago History Museum

LEAD: Spirit of Lincoln Youth Leadership Academy

A cooperative venture using Illinois Historic Sites as a platform to develop leadership skills in middle school students.

Panelists:

Sarah Watson, Looking for Lincoln Heritage Coalition
George Buss, Abraham Lincoln National Heritage Area

3:30 – 5:00

Big Ideas in Small Spaces: Program Planning for the Mother Jones Museum and Springfield’s African American History Museum (Roundtable Discussion)

How do small historical museums tell big stories in limited space? We will discuss strategies for conveying large ideas in multiple ways with broad audience appeal.

Moderator: Terry Barnhart, Eastern Illinois University

Panelists:

Rick Riccio, Riccio Exhibit Services

Rosemary Feurer, Northern Illinois University

Kamua Kemayo, University of Illinois

Doug King, Springfield & Central Illinois African American History Museum

Teacher Workshop

“Great and Small Migrations,” Chris Kuberski, CICS Jackson

This workshop is a holistic examination of the Great Migration to Chicago and Illinois. It incorporates a variety of skills and activities for learners of any age. It is based upon workshops from the Art Institute of Chicago and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Teachers will have the opportunity to practice these skills and acquire primary and secondary resources for their own use.

Contested Memories and Commemorations

Moderator: Mark Pohlada, DePaul University

Preserving Civil War History: How the Downers Grove Museum Preserves and Interprets Stories of Local and National War Heroes,” Sarah Konzen, Downers Grove Museum

“Conversations and Memory: The Creation of Dominant and Counter Memory Narratives of the 1915 Eastland Disaster,” Stephanie M. Riley, University of Illinois Springfield

“‘I Wanted to Go over the Top’: Pfc. Michael Metagrano, A Chicago Doughboy’s Story,” Maj. Peter L. Belmonte, USAF (Ret.), Independent Researcher

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HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Wednesday, October 5 & Thursday, October 6

Rooms have been set aside at the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel & Conference Center, 701 E. Adams St. at \$70 single and \$85 double. Phone 217-544-8800 to reserve a room.

Please inform hotels that you are with the Conference on Illinois History, Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, when making reservations. **NOTE: Reservations must be made by September 22 to receive the conference rate.**

For other accommodations and rates in Springfield, call Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau at 1-800-545-7300 or 217-789-2360, or visit its Web site at www.visit-springfieldillinois.com.

CONFERENCE FACILITIES/PARKING

All sessions will meet at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library, 112 N. Sixth St. (which is bounded by Washington St. on the south, Jefferson St. to the north, Sixth St. to the west and Seventh St. to the east) in Springfield. Luncheons (by reservation) will also be held at the Library. The Thursday evening reception and banquet (by reservation) will be held at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum. Parking is available at the Museum Parking Garage, located on the corner of Sixth and Madison Sts. two blocks north of the Library. The lot will remain open until 9 p.m. on Thursday evening.



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WHO ATTENDS?

The Conference on Illinois History welcomes more than 300 people each year who appreciate opportunities to share their interest in the history of Illinois. The conference is also an excellent source for teachers with a desire to bring new perspectives and teaching techniques into their classrooms. The sessions include scholarly papers, panel discussions, and workshops. Vendors such as booksellers, University Presses, State Archives, State Museum, among others will present at the Conference.

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